May 11, 1988

TO: File

FROM: Frank J. Filas, Reclamation Engineer

RE: Site Inspection, M/049/003, Black Clay Pit

On May 10, 1988 Jerry Mansfield of State Lands and I inspected the above pit which is located on a state lease. It is apparent that this operation has been inactive for quite some time as evidenced by the growth of sage and rabbit brush over the entire area. Surface disturbance covers four to five acres and the site will require very little, if any, reclamation.

An NOI was submitted for the Black Mine in April, 1977, but was never approved. Interstate Brick has a bond of \$8811 posted with State Lands.

I subsequently spoke with Lance Jackson of Interstate Brick with regard to this site. He says that we had visited the site of their older operation. A new clay pit has been opened up nearby and can be accessed via the road which leads past the Calstrom calcite operation (see attached map). It is recommended that the new site be visited to see if it qualifies as a small mine operation. The older site has essentially reclaimed itself and I recommend that it not be included in the notice unless Interstate Brick plans to reopen it.

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